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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 41.33(a)

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 27, 2011, please amend the above-identified application as follows. This amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.33(a), the Notice of Appeal having been filed July 27, 2011, indicating Appellants' intention to re-institute the Appeal. Consideration of the amendment is requested at this time, with Appellants' Appeal Brief to follow in due course.

**Amendments to the Claims**. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Argument**. Applicants' remarks/argument begin on page 10 of this paper.